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LETTER

Mail Stop Reissue
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the action dated May 26, 2004, please find attached the executed Consent of Assignee and Supplemental Declaration forms to be filed herewith.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this submission.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.40901CO).

Respectfully submitted,

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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, residence postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe myself to be the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

A VACUUM PROCESS APPARATUS

the specification of which was filed on September 19, 1995, in the parent application and included original U.S. Patent No. 5,245,736, issued September 21, 1993, and amendments thereto as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.171 et seq.

I verily believe that, as provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.175, as amended, the original U.S. Patent No. 5,245,736 is partly inoperative because I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the patent, in particular Claims 1 and 16 being insufficiently broad and Claims 30-3 being required to more comprehensively cover my invention.

All errors being corrected, including the Supplemental Response dated January 18, 2000, and the Second Supplemental Response dated February 14, 2000, in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this Fourth Supplemental Declaration arose without deceptive intent.

I continue to offer to surrender the original patent and/or provide an appropriate affidavit or declaration in the event the same is lost, upon the indication of allowability of the reissue patent application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application | | Priority Claimed | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|-----|
| 4117969 | Germany | 31 May 1991 | Yes |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

888,111
(Appln. Serial No.)

May 26, 1992
(Filing Date)

U.S.P. 5,245,736 for which
this is reissue application
(patented 9/21/93)

I hereby appoint as principal attorneys:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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Sir:

Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft, a company organized under the laws of Lichtenstein, by name change from Balzers Aktiengesellschaft, as recorded at Reel 011356, Frame 0829, is Assignee of the entire right, title and interest to U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,245,736, as recorded at Reel 6185, Frame 0599 in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and has consented and continued to assent to the filing of the above-identified application and the subsequent amendments thereto.

Under the laws of Lichtenstein, the undersigned have authorization to act and sign on behalf of the Assignee of the above-identified assignee, Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.

Respectfully submitted,



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June 14, 2004
Date

14. JUNI 2004
Date



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